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President's Letter on Laos to Chou-En-lai.

SUBJECT:

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Embassy liaison officer delivered text President Nixon's letter to Premier Chou En-lai to Chinese Embassy at 1130 today, April 9, informing Ch'ien Yung-nien that original letter would be delivered when received. informed Chinese that we do not plan make letter public at this time.

2. Ch'ien and /Dest Wei-lan each read letter carefully Yeh before Ch'ien excused himself to take letter to Charge. He returned shortly with letter saying he would give to Charge later. (Assume Charge not present or otherwise occupied.)

No reference Meeting cordial with tea and small talk. made to Ambassadorial talks.

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